

2 7.(Amended) [Method] A method according to claim 6, further comprising
the steps of: employing [characterized in that a] said loop link [is employed] by
said signalling system [in order] to communicate signalling messages between
4 two further signalling systems of the signalling means having [to which it
comprises] a respective interface.

2 8.(Amended) [Method] A method according to claim 6, further comprising
the step of: employing [characterized in that a] said loop link [is employed] by
said signalling system to generate load for test purposes.

2 9.(Amended) [Method] A method according to claim 6, further comprising
the steps of: employing [characterized in that a] said loop link [is employed] by
said signalling [in order] to enable [a desired Internetworking [sic]] with other
4 networks [for a network].

2 10.(Amended) [Method] A method according to [one of the claims] claim
6 [through 9], further comprising the steps of: [characterized in that a common NI
is allocated] to [a] said loop link at [the] an output and input side by said
4 signalling system.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Delete lines 2 and 8.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the specification and claims under Article
41 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty place the application into a form for
prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. §371.

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